### LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

### BOARD MEETING

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Jesse M. Knowles Chairman

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#### MINUTES OF MEETING

# LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

#### NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

October 26, 1982

Chairman Jesse M. Knowles, presiding:

#### Members present:

Mr. James Farrelly, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Wayne Ducote, Member

Mr. J. C. Gilbert, Member

Mr. George Gray, Member

Mr. Charles Riggs, Member

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Jesse Knowles, on Monday, October 25, 1982 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

Invocation was offered by Mr. Charles Riggs.

A roll call of members present was taken.

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Motion was made by James Farrelly, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously to endorse the striped bass program in Louisiana.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Fish Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife

and Fisheries has for the past seventeen years been involved in stocking striped bass and striped bass hybrids in the waters of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these introductions is to control excessive forage fish populations, the hereby increase the quality of sportsfishing in Louisiana lakes; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the Fish Division since the initial introduction of striped bass, definately prove that the striped bass and the hybrid striped bass feed almost entirely on shad; and

WHEREAS, these fish are definately accomplishing the purpose for which they were introduced.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby endorse the striped bass program and recommends that the department embark on a vigorous campaign of public education concerning the purposes and benefits of the program.

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Dr. Ford announced that the Pointe au Fer permit, which consists of approximately 2973.5 acres, will be considered at the November meeting.

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Mr. Schafer gave his monthly survey report as follows: 80 surveys scheduled, 24 surveyed, 23 no-shows, 1 cancelled by request, 32 unable to survey and 3 disputes settled.

Since the lifting of the moratorium 714 applications were taken in, 43,191 acres applied for, 121 applications surveyed, 7,324 acres surveyed, 593 applications remaining to be surveyed and 35,867 acres remaining to be surveyed.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously to adopt the rules and regulations on the newly acquired Joyce Wildlife Management Area.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Joyce Foundation has donated outright to the State of Louisiana 12,809.46 acres and leased on a long term basis approximately 850.46 acres of land owned by it to be used as a

wildlife management area, as a wetland, and used for public recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property by donation and lease will significantly increase and enhance the availability and management of wildlife and acquatic life for public recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, this property shall be identified by the Donor and the Donee as the "Joyce Wildlife Management Area" and maintained as such be the State of Louisiana, through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and to that end the State of Louisiana acting through the properly constituted officers, hereby agree that it will immediately declare and publicly proclaim said area to be a Wildlife Management Area and wetland known as the Joyce Wildlife Management Area clothed with all the protection afforded to such areas under the conservation laws of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish rules and regulations concerning management of the area for the upcoming seasons,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this area be managed by the same seasons as the area surrounding the wildlife management area. This includes both hunting and trapping seasons. Further, the area be operated under the same general rules and regulations as the Department's other wildlife management areas. Special emphasis should be noted on the following regulations concerning the method of taking game. (1) No permanent blinds or treestands may be constructed on the wildlife management area; (2) Deer hunting on the wildlife management area will be restricted to still-hunting only; (3) Airboats, aircraft and hovercrafts will be prohibited on the wildlife management area.

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Motion was made by Mr. Wayne Ducote, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously to accept the right-of-way agreement for the Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, access is needed to the newly created Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area; and

WHEREAS, certain adjacent landowners desire to grant to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a right-of-way

for a road giving access to said wildlife area from Louisiana Highway 8; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission concurs in the acceptance of said servitude and right-of-way from Grace Lillian Kriemer, Robert M. Butler, Jo Anne Butler Alsup, David Butler Barnes, Leslie K. Russell Burt and Terri Lynn Russell, over the E½ of the NE½; N½ the SE½; SW½ of the SE½, Section 33, T10N, R7E; and from John Polk, Jr., the SE½ of the SE½ of Section 33, T10N, R7E.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously to authorize two Commission members to attend the Southeastern Conference in Jacksonville, Fla., from October 31, 1982 - November 3, 1982.

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Motion was made by Mr. J. C. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution of posthumous appreciation of Mr. H. Clay Luttrell.

WHEREAS, H. Clay Luttrell of Buckeye, Louisiana, served on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from October 2, 1972, until August 28, 1980, and

WHEREAS, during those eight years of service to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the people of Louisiana, the late H. Clay Luttrell served as Vice Chairman of the Commission from November 1975, to December 1976, and as Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from January 1974 to October 1975; and

WHEREAS, during those many years of activity on the Commission, he won the respect and gratitude of tens of thousands of sportsmen throughout the state for his untiring efforts toward wise and prudent management of Louisiana's wildlife and Fisheries resources, and

WHEREAS, H. Clay Luttrell was an avid sportsman himself and an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman, he always listened with open ear and attentive concern to trappers, shrimpers, and commercial fishermen whose livelihood was hinged to proper management and utilization of wildlife and fisheries resources, and

WHEREAS, his love of waterfowling and his interest in the well being of Catahoula Lake led to outstanding efforts on behalf of Ducks Unlimited, and frequent visits and tours of the lakes in the Canadian prairie provinces where Ducks Unlimited spent much of the funds contributed to that organization by the Louisiana Wildlife

and Fisheries Commission on behalf of the hunters of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, even after his years of service on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, he frequently attended meetings of the Commission, and remained active in the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as a Commissioner, Vice-Chairman, and later Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, H. Clay Luttrell was a staunch supporter of the Commission's land acquisition program to greatly expand the wildlife habitat acreage owned outright by the Commission and dedicated for all time to wholesome outdoor recreation in the form of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, birdwatching, and realted outdoor pursuits, and

WHEREAS, his conduct as a member of this Commission, as a sportsman, and as an advocate of wise management and proper steward-ship of the state's bountiful wildlife resources reflected favorable on this Commission in its efforts to carry out its responsibilities to the people of Louisiana,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does this date adopt this resolution of posthumous appreciation for the many services of the late H. Clay Luttrell to this board, and conveys its heartfelt condolences to the members of his family.

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. James Farrelly, and passed unanimously at adopt a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Dewey Wills dedication to the Department.

WHEREAS, Dewey W. Wills, Assistant Chief of the Game Division of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, has served the Department and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in numerous capacities for the past 27 years, and

WHEREAS, he began his career with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in 1955 as District Game Biologist in Ferriday, Louisiana, and became District Supervisor in 1957, and

WHEREAS, he later served as Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Coordinator in the Baton Rouge District Office from 1967 to June, 1974, and in this capacity one of his major responsibilities was the Department's land acquisition program, and WHEREAS, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Chief in the Game Division in June, 1974, and presently serves in that capacity, and

WHEREAS, he has served the Department with distinction in its land acquisition program by working with local civic groups, police juries, and Louisiana Legislature, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties in the Department's land acquisition program he devoted a great amount of time to research on waterfowl and waterfowl habitat on Catahoula Lake, and published five important technical papers on waterfowl usage of this important central Louisiana lake, and

WHEREAS, Dewey W. Wills served the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with distinction and devotion to duty, and

WHEREAS, his career with the Department serves as an inspiration to his fellow workers and reflects his dedication to those programs and activities of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission that will enhance the state's wildlife resources for generations to come. and

WHEREAS, he will formally retire from the Department on October 31.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does this date adopt this resolution of commendation and appreciation for the many services performed through a career spanning 27 years, and

does extend to Dewey W. Wills both the Commission's expression of gratitude and good wishes, and those of his fellow workers in the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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The December Board meeting is scheduled for December 20 and 21 in New Orleans.

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Motion was made by Mr. George Gray, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote and passed unanimously to ratify the agreement between the states of Louisiana and Alabama for a reciprocal license agreement.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana enacted Part X. -672 Louisiana Revised Statutes which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission "to reciprocate on the cost of license fees with other states"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alabama enacted H. 103 on July 12, 1982, which amended Act No. 82-407, H. 80 1982 Regular Session as amending Section 9-11-47 and 9-11-49 Code of Alabama 1975, which authorized "the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with the consent of the Conservation Advisory Board to enter into reciprocal agreement to establish bag limits, length of seasons and license fees for non-residents, provided that the annual all game license shall not be less than \$99 nor the trip all game license less than \$50"; and

WHEREAS, the above has precipitated negotiations and as a result thereof it is the desire of the State of Louisiana and the State of Alabama to agree upon reciprocal regulations governing the bag limits, length of seasons, and license fees for residents of Louisiana or Alabama when pursuing the sport of hunting in each others' respective states.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS AGREED, by the State of Louisiana acting by and through the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the State of Alabama, acting by and through the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with the consent of the Conservation Advisory Board as follows:

- 1. The license fees which shall apply to Alabama residents over 16 years of age or older when hunting in Louisiana shall be:
  - a. Hunting license to hunt all legal game for the state at large, \$45.00.
  - b. Hunting license for three consecutive days to hunt all legal game for the state at large, \$30.00.
  - c. In addition to an annual all game license, an archery license costing \$5.00 will be required for hunting with a bow and arrow.
  - d. Annual license to hunt small game only (as defined under Louisiana law) for three consecutive days \$10.00.
  - e. License to hunt small game (as defined under Louisiana law) for three consecutive days \$10.00.
- 2. The license fee which shall apply to Louisiana residents 16 years of age or older when hunting in Alabama shall be:

- a. Hunting license to hunt all legal game at large shall be \$99.00.
- b. Hunting license for seven consecutive days to hunt all game for the state at large, \$50.00.
- c. In addition to an annual all game license, a Louisiana resident will be required to purchase a \$5.00 archery permit when hunting with a bow and arrow. This permit will only be available from Accounting Section, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Montgomery, Alabama.
- d. Annual hunting license (as defined under Alabama law) to hunt small game for the state at large, \$15.00.
- e. Hunting license to hunt small game (as defined under Alabama law) for seven consecutive days, \$14.00.
- 3. It is agreed that the laws governing state residents concerning the length of seasons, bag limits and all other regulations shall also apply to residents of each respective state when hunting as a non-resident.
  - a. Alabama laws will govern Louisiana residents when hunting in Alabama.
  - b. Louisiana laws will govern Alabama residents when hunting in Louisiana.
- 4. The parties hereto agree that the provisions herein shall be published and shall otherwise meet the legal requirements of each state and that the public will be adequately advised of this agreement before it becomes effective so that citizens and residents of both states may be fully informed on this matter.
- 5. Execpt as modified or changed hereby, all prevailing laws, rules and regulations of each state now existing or hereafter adopted shall remain in full force and effect.
- 6. It is further understood and agreed that either state party to this agreement may abrogate and cancel the same upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party of such intention, such notice to be delivered to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, respectively.

The parties hereto agree that this Agreement shall become effective as of the 26th day of October, 1982.

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A motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by Linda Gregson